thorough checking of all incoming and outcoming vehicles near the Airport, etc.

Rates for STD calls made after 11 P.M.

3932. PROF ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to reduce the rates for STD calls made between 11.00 P.M. and 4.00 A.M.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the new Stations proposed to be connected with STD during 1991 in Maharashtra?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The following stations in Maharashtra are proposed to be provided with the STD facility during the remaining part of the year *i.e* upto 31.12.1991, subject to the availability of the equipment.—

Paithan, Murtizapur, Chalisgaon, Savda, Katol, Nagothane, Karjat, Bhuinj, Pen, & Igatpuri.

Migration of Hindus from Pakistan and Bangladesh

3933. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Hindus who have migrated to India from Banlgadesh and Pakistan during 1989, 1990 and 1991 so far, separately alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to stop such migration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Bangladesh nationals including Hindus, who have entered India after 25th March, 1971 without valid travel documents, are treated as infiltrators. Since they enter surreptitiously and go undergound, it is not possible to determine how many such persons have come to India. There are standing instructions to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to detect and deport infilitrators.

According to the reports received from the various State Governments and the concerned agencies, there is no significant migration of Hindus from Pakistan. Hindus, like other Pakistani nationals, visit India with valid travel documents. While some of them return to Pakistan, others apply for long them stay facilities in India. No separate statistics of Pakistani Hindus visiting India on valid travel documents has been maintained.

Closure of Indian Embassy in Kuwait

3934. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Embassy in Kuwait remained closed for some time during the Gulf war;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it has since started functioning;

(d) if so, since when;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether there is any reduction in the number of Indians working in the Embassy after the Gulf war; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir because the Iraqi occupation authorities made its normal functioning impossible.

(c) to (e) following the liberation of Kuwait, the Indian Embassy in Kuwait, resumed functioning from March 28, 1991.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) The details are as under:

Pre-occupation:

India based : 31

Local based : 24

Post-Liberation:

India based : 9

Local based: 13

The strength of the Embassy is determined by functional consideration and reviewed from time to time.

Application for Mining Lease by BALCO

3935. SHRI MOHANLAL JHIKRAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Aluminium Company Limited in Khur-khuri Dadar (Amarkantak) has applied for another mine;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the location of the mine applied for;

(c) whether the location of the mine comes under forest land;

(d) whether the company has complied with all the terms and conditions in regard to leased mine taken previously; and

(e) if so, the reasons for delay in taking a decision on the application?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Company applied for another mine, namely Hazaridadar, in the Amarkantak area and has been granted a mining lease on 20-4-77 for 987 hactares of land for a period of 30 years.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Company was provisionally permitted by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh to mine in 10 hactares of land out of the total area. However, permission to mine in the remaining area under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has not been granted by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, Government of India.

Processing of Copper Ore

3936. SHRI MOHANLAL JHIKRAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether copper ore extracted from Malanjkhand in Madhya Pradesh is sent to Rajasthan for processing;

(b) if so, the quantity of copper ore sent to Rajasthan during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the cost per tonne on its transportation and the total amount spent as freight during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) Copper ore from Malanjkhand Copper Project in Madhya Pradesh, after beneficiation into concetrates, is sent to Khetri Copper Complex, Rajasthan for further processing. The quantity of concentrates sent to KCC, the cost per tonne on transportation and the total amount spent as freight during the last three years is indicated below:—

Year	Quantity (in dry metric tonnes)	Rate for transportation per dry metric tonnes (Rs. per tonne)	Total freight paid (Rs. lakhs)
1988-89	47965	541.65	259.80
1989-90	63342	592.64	375.39
1990-91	42062	918.69	386.42

[Translation]

BALCO in Khur-khuri Dadar, M.P.

3937. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the period of lease of the Bharat Aluminium Company at Khur-khuri Dadar in Madhya Pradesh and since when this Company has been functioning there;

(b) whether all the terms and conditions of lease are being complied with by the Company; and

(c) the royalty paid by the Company during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) The Bharat Aluminium Company has been functioning in khur-khuri Dadar in Madhya Pradesh since 1969. The period of mining lease is 30 years w.e.f. 12.6.1969.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Royalty paid by the Company for Amarkantak Mine (Khur-khuri Dadar) for the last three years is as follows:—

1988-89 — Rs. 2198290